# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# COMMUNICATIONS
# LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:4560
ANSWERED ON:19.12.2001
THEFT IN TELEPHONE EXCHANGE BUILDING
BALIRAM

**Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the theft of Rs. 61 lakh from the locker of telephone exchange building situated at Laxminagar in Delhi was the result of connivance between the owner of security agency and the officers and staff of the department;

(b) if so, the details of the owners of the private security agencies who are providing security to telephone exchanges, offices, colonies, official residences and guest houses;

(c) whether the security agencies have their link with Union leaders and officers working in the department; and

(d) if so, the time by which the Government are likely to punish the guilty officers, departmental security personnel and the private security agency after conducting inquiry into the entire matter?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) Sir, the case is being investigated by Delhi Police. Police have arrested two persons. Final report is awaited. A separate departmental committee has also been set up by CGM, MTNL, Delhi to investigate the incident.

(b) In Laxmi Nagar Telephone exchange, three gunmen from M/s S.J. Security services and six guards from M/s Commander services as private security are posted round the clock. A complete list of security agencies engaged by MTNL, Delhi is given in Annexure.

(c) No link of any security agency with the union leader or any officers working in the department has come to the notice so far.

(d) The security agency whose guards were deployed at Laxmi Nagar at the time of incident have been removed as a matter of precaution and alternate arrangements have been made. However, after completion of detailed enquiry which is in progress if any involvement of officer, staff or security agency concerned is proved/suspected, the appropriate action will be taken against the guilty.

ANNEXURE

| Sl. No. | Name of the agency | Owners of the agencies |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | Flash Security Services | Col. Satpal Arvind |
| 2 | Samsey & Safety Management | Col. Sarin |
| 3 | S. J. Security Service | Col. Sarvjeet Singh |
| 4 | Sai Red Alert Service | Col. Ashok |
| 5 | Himalaya Security Agency | Cdr. Thakur |
| 6 | Security cum investigation agency | Capt. Chetram |
| 7 | Swift Security service | Col. B. K. Dhawan |
| 8 | Col. Security Service | Col. Vinod |
| 9 | Shining Star Security service | Lt. Col. Madan |
| 10 | Commander Services | Mr. Manvir |
| 11 | Metropolitan Services | Mr. S.C. Anand |
| 12 | C. I. A. Services | Lt. Col. Baldev Singh |